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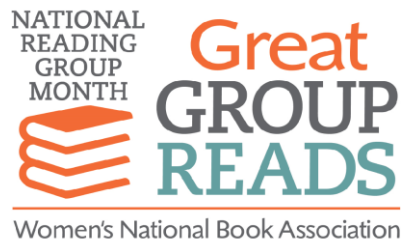
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NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL BOOK ASSOCIATION

National Reading Group Month Announces Great Group Reads 2018 Program

NEW YORK — FEBRUARY 26, 2018 — The organizers of National Reading Group Month invite publishers to participate in the Great Group Reads 2018 program. Now in its tenth year, Great Group Reads is a highly regarded and anticipated resource for book clubs, reading groups, and individual facilitators to choose books — and likewise, for bookstores and libraries to recommend books.

Titles for Great Group Reads are selected on the basis of their appeal to reading groups for whom they are certain to open up lively conversations about an array of timely and provocative topics, from the intimate dynamics of family and personal to major cultural and global issues. The Selection Committee also make a conscious resolve to focus its attention on under-represented books from independent presses and lesser-known mid-list releases from larger houses. All should be books with strong narratives people by fully realized characters; books which perhaps have flown under the radar of reviewers, bloggers, and reading groups overwhelmed by the vast number of new releases each year.

Preliminary submission guidelines:

- 1) Genre: literary fiction (novels, novellas, short stories) and memoir, including books in translation published in the U.S. between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018;
 - 2) Submissions: titles for consideration must be submitted by publishers; limited to two titles per publisher or imprint; titles must be readily available through customary distribution channels;
 - 3) Format: all eligible, including trade-paper reprints published within the designated time frame; exception: original e-books are ineligible.
 - 4) Ineligible: previously submitted titles; previously selected authors; self-published books.
- The Selection Committee timeline is as follows: reading period will range from February through July; final decision to be made late July; formal announcement will be made to media outlets early-to-mid September. Submissions must be made on or before Friday, April 13, 2018.

Publishers are asked to contact **Kristen Knox, Great Group Reads Selection Committee Manager** via email at kknnox.natreadinggrpmonth@gmail.com (subject line tagged: Great Group Reads 2018) with submissions, including suggested titles accompanied by a brief description.

Great Group Reads 2017 Selections:

The Best of Us by Joyce Maynard (Bloomsbury)
The Clay Girl by Heather Tucker (ECW Press)
The Heart's Invisible Furies by John Boyne (Hogarth)
The Hearts of Men by Nickolas Butler (Ecco)
Kinship of Clover by Ellen Meeropol (Red Hen Press)
Last Things: A Memoir of Loss and Love by Marissa Moss (Conari Press)
The Life She Was Given by Ellen Marie Wiseman (Kensington)
Lucky Boy by Shanthi Sekaran (G. P. Putnam's Sons)
Mothers and Other Strangers by Gina Sorell (Prospect Park Books)
News of the World by Paulette Jiles (William Morrow Paperbacks)
One Good Mama Bone by Bren McClain (University of South Carolina Press)
Pachinko by Min Jin Lee (Grand Central Publishing)
The Redemption of Galen Pike by Carys Davies (Biblioasis)
Salt Houses by Hala Alyan (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
Smoke by Dan Vyleta (Anchor)
So Much Blue by Percival Everett (Graywolf Press)
The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See (Scribner)
The Velveteen Daughter by Laurel Davis Huber (She Writes Press)
We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter (Viking)
The Woman Next Door by Yewande Omotoso (Picador)

(Great Group Reads 2017 Selections

http://www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/ggr_selections.html)

Great Group Reads marketing campaigns from 2009–2017 have included an array of professionally designed display materials such as shelf-talkers and table-top posters on the National Reading Group Month Web site for anyone to download and use in promoting Great Group Reads titles. These and other promotional materials are made available to independent bookstores through the ABA September Red Box mailing. In addition, Great Group Reads authors are extended invitations to participate in nation-wide WNBA 11-chapter National Reading Group Month programming during October.

National Reading Group Month is an initiative of the Women's National Book Association (WNBA). The Women's National Book Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization promoting the value of books and reading and championing the role of women in the community of the book since 1917.

Further information is available at: NationalReadingGroupMonth.org and www.wnba-books.org.

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